These proceedings were likely to come the witness, and if he should give testimony before the witness, and if he should give testimony this fact might compromise him. In reply to questions Mr. Downes referred to the offensive partisanship displayed by Davis and the crowd of Broome County Democrats who have secured berths in the Custom House. Those that he mentioned in particular besides Davis were Thomas Lees, Thomas Larkin, Charles F. Terhune, Herbert Davidson, William Sullivan, Charles A. King and J. C. Trueman, who is now in the Treasury Department. He referred to the way in which they manipulated caucuses and conventions to the utter disgust of all good citizens. Although the duties of these officials lay in New-York they were as active at home as ever.

DAVIS'S DISHONORABLE TRANSACTIONS. Then Alexander D. Wales, a prominent Demo cratic lawyer of Binghamton, took the stand and gave a history of Davis that made the pale face of that official thrn several shades paler. Mr. Wales is a stoutly built, middle-aged man, with high forehead, resolute features, and generally with high forehead, resolute features, and generative pugnacious air. He made a good witness, as Senator Blackburn found out when he tried to cross-examine him. Mr. Wales first gave the history of Davis's connection with the Federal building. When it was decided that one should be built, he obtained options upon almost all the property offered to the Government for a site. Every option he took, of course, was in violation of the Kevised Statutes of the United States and most dishouerable.

of the Revised Statutes of the United States and most dishonorable.

It seems that he could not make enough out of the most desirable to suit him; so he went down by the river, picked out a site, which Mr. Wales said was submerged by water every year, and away out of the range of travel and business. This site was assessed at \$7,000, but Davis put it to the Government at \$25,000. Such an outcry was made at this that he cut this price down to \$15,000. The agent of the Treasury Department, Mr. Ansteed, who was sent on to fix the site, fell under the control of Davis and his friends. They paid his hotel bill, according to the witness, as Ansteed has since acknowledged. Mr. Wales then gave some flagrant instances of how Davis ran caucuses and defeated the will of the people until a revolt was caused in the Democratic ranks, which turned Binghamton over to the Republican party by a big majority. He offered in evidence a detailed statement of these things in the form

which turned Binghanton to the party by a big majority. He offered in evidence a detailed statement of these things in the form of a manifesto signed by nearly all the reputable citizens of Binghamton. Another statement of these matters has been laid before President Cleveland, who has hitherto stood by Davis reliantly.

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Thomas W. Vincent, another reputable-looking gentleman from Binghamton, confirmed what Mr. Wales said, and gave some further information about Davis. Barney Fagen, a political worker, told him that he had deserted the Binghamton citizens' movement to get a place in the Custom House, but had not got there yet. This closed the Broome County evidence.

Francis E. Clark followed. He is a Republican. He worked in the Custom House two years. Benttle discharged him with these remarks: "These places are for friends. You have been here two years too long. You can go, and tell everybody so."

Charles A. Bloomfield, another discharged Customs

Charles A. Bloomfield, another discharged Cus-tom House inspector, related his experience with Beattle, whom he spoke of as a "brute and a

bully."

Colonel Frank Page, a veteran, was the last witness. He is the Grand Army man who was discharged some time ago while on a sick bed. His story was listened to with interest, and it made a deep impression, even on Democratic

made a deep implements hearers.

The investigation will go on this morning.

LIVELY TIMES AT THE JASPER HEARING. MR. SPRAGUE ATTEMPTS TO PROVE GENERALLY THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT IS INCOMPETENT.

The eyes of a number of pretty school teachers opened wide with astonishment yesterday as they listened to the questions that the prosecution fired at Superintendent Jasper. Commissioner Henry L. Sprague got Mr. Jasper on the ruck, but Chairman Webb rules the majority of Mr. Sprague's questions out on the ground that they were not material. This led to several passages-at-aims between Gilbert Crawford, Mr. Jasper's lawyer, and Mr. Sprague. Sprague opened proceedings by stating that the charge for the committee to listen to was incompetence, and the general charge one of incapacity. Mr. Sprague wanted to know what works on pedagogies Mr. Jasper had read. Mr. Crawford objected to the question, claiming that the committee should hear only evidence in regard to Mr. Jasper's acts which were alleged to prove that he was incompetent. Mr. Sprague asked these questions, among others, in order to show that Mr. Jasper has not the requisite knowledge of teaching

or of leading the teachers of this city:
Q.—Have you read Baines, Barnard or Herbert Spencer
on "Education," Rousseau's work? Who is Pestalozzi?
Did you read any of his books? What is the difference
between the public schools in England and those in the
United States? What library of pedagogies have you attached to your office ! This last question caused Commissioner Lummis to

remark that a resolution had been offered at a meeting of the Board of Education, authorizing the creation of a by-law by which an appropriation could be made for a pedagogic library. Mr. Sprague was chairman Sprague jumped to his feet, thumped the table and exclaimed: "I say that that is absolutely false. Such a statement cannot go undenied." Mr. Crawford remarked that this statement from Mr. Sprague had about as much weight as any statement that Mr. Sprague made. That made Mr. Sprague wrathy, and he told Mr. Crawford not to become insulting. Mr. Crawford asked the chairman to make Mr. Sprague hold his tongue. Mr. Spraguo would not, however and proceeded to ask Mr. Jasper scores of questions which were ruled out. Mr. Jasper testified that the Roard of Education was always represented at teachers' conventions. He could not attend simply because he did not have the time.

Mrs. Agnew iestified about the Bernhardt-Delaney trouble. The next session will be on Monday at 3

THE KERR TRIAL GROWS TEDIOUS.

ENLIVENED A LITTLE BY THE SUDDEN DISCOVERY OF THE PRISONER'S ABSENCE.

The trial of Thomas B. Kerr for bribery is proving the dullest and dreariest and at the same time the most free and easy of all the "boodle" trials. Yesterday afternoon, while George N. Curtis was on the witness stand and his examination was going on smoothly, it was suddenly discovered that the defendant wasn't in the court-room.

"Wh-wh-where has he gone?" gasped Assistant District-Attorney Semple. Mr. Kerr's counsel ex-plained that if he had made an error it was through ignorance, and Justice Patterson, who at first wanted all the testimony given in the defendant's absence struck out, finally consented to have it read over to him when he came in, as he did presently, with a puzzled expression on his face, wondering what all the flurry was about. Most of the time was again spent in reading documentary evidence; and when at last the District-Attorney said he had no more of that to inflict on the court, twelve sighs of relief came from

Ex-Alderman Charles G. Waite, looking fat and healthy, testified to having been at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen which passed the Broadway franinson, Scribner & Bright, but never spoke to him in Clerk Tuomey told about the notorious "close" meeting of the Board of Aldermen, and ex-Mayor Edson testified to having vetoed the Alder-men's resolution in favor of the Broadway Surface

George Law, John J. Bradley, George N. Curtis and John H. Murphy testified to the raising of \$500,000 on second mortgage bonds of the Seventh-ave. read. THE RUTLAND MAY FESTIVAL.

Rutland, Vt., May 24 (Special) .- The second and third concerts of the Rutland May Festival were given at the Town Ifali to-day before a large audience, many of the visitors coming from distant towns in New-York and Massachusetts. The notable feature of the concert this evening was the production of of the concert this evening was the production of Mendelssohn's unfinished opera "Loreley," in which Miss Emma Juch was the soprano soloist. Her singing captivated her auditors. Mr. Mockridge was in fine voice and his singing was enthusiastically entored. The Boston Temple Quartet sang several selections and secred a marked success, their singing being a notable feature of the concert. Miss Hattio Clapper sang charmingly. The concert was pronounced the best ever given in Butland.

WALES SEES THE SILVER LINING.

Sharon, Penn., May 24 (Special).—An iron-worker named Phillips, of this city has received a dispatch from Pontypool, Wales, informing him that ten sheet nills and one hundred and thirty-two puddling furminis and one handred and thirty-two puddling fur-naces are about to start at that place, and asking him to return to take charge of one of the departments. A letter—from a friend brings the information that the greatest interest prevails there ever the probable passage of the Mills bill and that on the strength of such a probability that mills fille for a long period are about to resume.

emedy for troubles none but women ever know, ar best and truest friend, and happy thousands cal ey think of years of suffring that were theirs before it came.

this wonderfully and deservedly popular remody for the strees ills woman is heir te. "Favorite Prescription" is easily medicine for women sold by druggists under a post-ve guarantee from the manufacturers that it will give estaction in every case or money will be refunded. This areantee is a been printed on the bottle wrapper and faithfully carried out for many years.

NO OPEN SESSIONS YET.

VAIN EFFORTS TO SECURE OPEN DEBATE OF THE FISHERIES TREATY.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS READY TO FILIBUSTER-DO THEY WISH TO SNCB CLEVELAND AND HIS SECRETARY ?-A SIGNIFI-CANT HINT FROM MAINE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] WASHINGTON, May 24.—The Senate spent the greater part of the afternoon in executive session discussing the resolution to debate the Fisheries Treaty with open doors. After remaining so engaged for nearly four hours, it adjourned without having reached any decision, the Democratic Senaters continuing their tacties of "talking against time." Their purpose to filibuster is plain. will insist upon a quorum voting. In the Senate a majority, or thirty-nine, is a quorum. There are thirty-nine Republican Senators. Should Mr. Hale continue to support the Democrats, and the latter refuse to vote, it is plain that the resolution could not be carried. This of course assumes that every Republican is in his scat when a vote is taken. Nothing has been heard from Mr. Hale, who is in New-York. His action continues to be the subject of much unfavorable comment. not understood how Mr. Hale could find it impossible to yield to the judgment of his Republican colleagues, when a man like Mr. Edmunds, of infinitely more force, character and experience than finitely more force, character and experience than he, did not hesitate to bow to the decision of the caucus. Mr. Haie's course is particularly unfortunate, in view of the fact that the Democratic party in Maine has just nominated William L. Putnam, one of Mr. Bayard's "negotiators," for the office of Governor, and has unequivocally indorsed in its platform the treaty negotiated by the Administration

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There is one feature of the attitude assumed by the Democratic Senators in this business to which attention has not yet been drawn, though it is hardly a novel thing. It is the utter disregard with which the recommendations of the President are treated by Democratic Senators. The President recommended the discussion of the treaty with open doors: his Secretary of State invited it with boastful pompousness. Now that the Republicans have met the wishes of the Administration, they are confronted with a solid Democratic opposition. The conclusion to be drawn is either that the President in making his recommendation was not sincere, or that the Democratic Senators are anxious to administer a snub to the President in public.

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That the position of a number of Democratic Senators is thoroughly illogical is easily shown. When a similar resolution like that presented by Mr. Riddleberger now, and supported by the Republican Senators, was voted on in the second session of the XLIXth Congress, twenty-one votes were east in favor of it. Among these twenty-one votes seven were east by Democrats. They were Berry, Butler, Eusais, George, Gibson, Voorhees and Williams. The last named is no longer in the Senate; the others are. They were in favor of open sessions then. Why are they not now? The former proposition was much more comprehensive and radical than the present one. But, then, they were not at that time driven to the wall to defend a shameful and disestrous bargain. Their present attitude is the most patent confession of weakness.

DEFECTS OF THE MAIL SERVICE EXPOSED. THE HOUSE PASSES THE BIG APPROPRIATION BILL. BUT FAILS TO DEMEDY THE SERVICE.

Washington, May 24 (Special).-The Post Office Ap propriation bill passed the House to-day, substantially reported by the committee. It contained the ap propriation for the transportation of mails by railroads at the same figure, though the able speech of Henry Cabot Lodge yesterday clearly demonstrated this was at least \$6,000,000 too much, and the last annual report of ex-Postmaster-General Vilas clearly showed that a reduction of compensation was necessary. It provided a campaign fund by awarding to third-class postmasters rent, fuel and contin-gent expenses, which they have hitherto had to pay out of their salaries, and it left the inequalities and discriminations in favor of foreign mail ship companies in the conveyance of foreign mails unadjusted.

Mr. Perkins, of Kansas, by statistics and many humorous examples, emphasized his previous criticism upon the inefficient service in the West, and he attributed this largely to the inefficient characters of the officers appointed. He gave the case of a postmaster who sent nothing to the railway station for week and when asked for his reason, stated that his mail bag was not full and he was waiting until it was. Another postmaster sent to Washington for postage stamps and they were sent to him in a great sheet He had never seen them in that form before, and he thought the sheet was a circus poster. He pasted it on the wall, and calling his wife, said to her: "See what the darned fool in Washington sent me when I writ him for stamps. He sent a circus poster and the darned circus riders all look alike."

In the laughter which this story called out, Mr Dockery, of Missouri, demanded to kno the postmaster who had so demeaned himself and inquired: "Wasn't it a man from your own State?" No, it was a postmaster in the gentleman's own district," was the reply.

Then, rather unexpectedly, the Democratic dele-Then, rather unexpectedly, the Democratic delegates from the Territories took a hand in assailing the Administration for the inefficiency of the present postal service. Mr. Toole of Montana, spoke, and was quickly followed by Mr. Voorhes, of Washington Territory. The fact that Mr. Voorhes is the son of the senior Senator from Indiana lent interest to his remarks, though they would otherwise have attracted attention, as he showed himself a clear and effective debater. He asserted with regret that the present mail service did not afford that measure of relief and accommodation of business to the people of Washington Territory which had been afforded under previous administrations. No answer was attempted to his charges by the Post Office Committee and the bill was soon after passed. was soon after passed.

SENATORS READY FOR THE TARIFF QUESTION. Washington, May 24 (Special).—The sub-committee of the Senate Finance Committee having the Tariff question in charge will meet to-morrow to determine what course to pursue in the hearings which the com mittee is to give. The committee has been increased by the addition of Senator Jones, of Nevada, and Senator Voorhees, of Indiana. The hearing will begin next week Senator Allison, chairman of the subcommittee, said this afternoon:

"We have a great many applications from those who wish to be heard, but it is, I think, the desire of the committee that the statements of those who think that their business interests will be affected adversely by a change in the tariff should be put into as condensed a form as possible. Then, if the committee desires further information, it can send for them or consult authorities. I do not think the sub-committee will make up any rutes; it will certainly not do so until committee will gather up information and lay it before the full committee for its action. If the House should send a bill over to us it will not be the fault of the Senate if some reduction is not made in the revenue."

Speaking of the state of business in the two Houses,
Senator Allison said that he had never known it so
far behind at this season of the year. He thinks
that Congress will not adjourn before the middle or
the latter part of August.

SHALL SOUTH DAKOTA BE ADMITTED AS A STATE

Washington, May 24 (Special).—In the considera-tion of the legislative, judicial and executive appro-priation bill today the question as to the admission of South Dakota into the Union was raised by Mr. Baker. of New-York, and led to a long debate which occupied the remainder of the day. Mr. Butterworth and Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, made some amusing points on Mr. Springer. Butterworth dared him to say "without a blush" that he would refuse to admit Southern Dakota if satisfied that she would present two Senators bearing the badge of modern Democracy. Mr. Springer said he would, and that politics had no share in influencing his opinion, and Mr. Butterworth insisted that in making that statement Mr. Springer had blushed.

Mr. Grosvenor asked if the admission of new States had not always been made a party, question, and if this was not "the first time that any 'statesman' (laughter) has risen above I. ?" No," said Mr. Eutterworth, "but it is the first time that any gentleman has asserted that he was able to rise above II." (Renewed laughter). The discussion of the legislative appropriation will probably occupy the rest of this week and may extend into the next.

PENSIONS TO GARFIELD'S ATTENDANTS.

Washington, May 24 (Special).-It is a remarkable fact that nearly everybody in attendance upon the late President Garfield has, if his or her statement is to be believed, either sacrificed money or time or both, and been physically prostrated beyond any hope of recovery. The scandal arising over the exorbitant demands made by the physicians and the action of Congress in cutting down their bills nearly fifty per cent are still remembered. It is only two years ago that a local undertaker appeared before Congress with a bill for carriages furnished by him to persons at the White House who attended the funeral, which gave rise to the peculiarly disagreeable story that the coffin in which Garfield was buried had not been paid for.
The steward of the White House, William F. Crump, has for a number of years been demanding \$5,000 as

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compensation for injuries which are alleged to be the result of his attendance on President Garfield. the Senate to-day Mr. Hoar reported a bill favorably awarding Mr. Crump that amount. The committee holds that there is a "moral obligation to provide for

Mr. Crump."

Another one of those in attendance at the White Another one of those in attendance at the White House at that time was Miss Susan Edson, who has already been compensated for the services rendered at that time, but who now, in addition to it, applies for that time, but who now, in addition to it, applies for that time, but who now, in addition to it, applies for that time, but who now, in addition to it, applies for the service of the servi a pension from the Government. She asked Congress for a pension of \$72. The Senate reduced it some time ago to \$25 and the House Committee en Invalid Pensions to-day agreed upon a favorable report on the bill as amended by the Senate.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO AS IT WAS AND IS MR. STEWART SPEAKS ON HIS BILL TO GIVE CON-

GRESS GREATER POWER OVER THE VETO. Washington, May 24 (Special).-Senator Stewart of Nevada, spoke on his bill to day which proposes to amend the Constitution so as to require a simple majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote to pass a bill over the veto of the President. His speech was listened to with interest by most Senators present. It opened with a short historical sketch, lingered fondly on the silver question, and ended in a percration, half philosophical and half political, which for quaintness of expressions used and the extraordinary admissions it made created somewhat of a sensation in the audience which listened to it.

Mr. Stewart showed that Washington during the

eight years of his Administration vetoed only two hile in the three years that Mr. Cleveland has occupied the White House he has vetoed more than one hundred times that number. Jefferson, he showed, whom the Democrats claim as the great progenitor" of their party, in his eight years' term did not in a single instance exercise the veto power. John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Van Buren, Taylor and Fillmore followed the example of Jefferson Harrison and Garfield died in office before Congress convened. The most alarming features, Mr. Stewart thought, connected with the exercise of the vete power by the President was that it no longer attracted attention, but, on the contrary, that the tracted attention, but, on the contrary, that the people were fast being educated to regard the Excutive as the source of all power. The vetees of the President were treated by the press as no more remarkable than the passage of bills through either house of Congress, while in the earlier and better days of the Republic the exercise of the veto power was regarded as most extraordinary. One hundred votoes in a single session of Congress, Mr. Stewart thought, would have created a revolution in those days.

FIFTY AMENDMENTS DAILY TO THE MILLS BILL

Washington, May 24 (Special).-" Premier" Mills washington, May 24 (special).
still insists that on Monday he will be prepared to go on with the Tariff bill, amendments included. Other members of the Ways and Means Committee are not by any means so confident. The amendments to the bill, which ten days ago were estimated to be equal in bulk to two new tariff bills, have been piling in upon the clerk at the rate of fifty a day, Sunday included. Nearly every Democratic member from a Northern State finds himself sponsor for half a dozen amendments, for which he must secure consideration to satisfy important manufacturing interests in his district, or take the consequences, which imply probable defeat. It is impossible for the committee to take up and pass upon these amendments in detail if they devoted all the time between now and adjournment to that purpose.

Consequently, many Democratic members have been devoutly hoping that all amendments would be voted down in bulk, so that their own failures to voted down in bulk, so that the respond to the demands of their constituents would not be noticeable. This can only be effected by a two-thirds vote, and the Republicans have declined to be the cat to rake this chestnut out of the fire for the Democratic monkey. Hence there is perplexity and trepldation, and except "Premier" Mills, nearly every Democrat is hoping and wishing and secretly scheming to have the evil day put off.

AN IMPORTANT MARITIME BILL PASSED.

Washington, May 24 (Special).—New-York merchants and ship-owners took the initiative in the measure to secure an International Maritime Conference to revise the rules of the road at sea which passed the House to-day, and will therefore be gratified at its success. The movement was initiated by the New-York Maritime Exchange, and has been taken up by all the leading commercial bodies throughout the country.

Among the chief objects of the conference is the adoption of some new code of fog signals so that one vessel can indicate to another the direction in which she is steering, and the adoption by international agree ent of modern codes of telegraphic flag signals In use among our yacht clubs. The existing code adopted in 1856 is so painfully slow that two of our "ocean greyhounds" pass out of sight of each other before ney can spell three words by the obsolete code. A bill of similar effect was adopted by the Senate early in the session, but was found defective in some par-

The conference is to meet in Washington next Octo-

PATERSON GETS ITS PUBLIC BUILDING AT LAST. Washington, May 24 (Special).-William Walter Phelps's popularity secured to-day what few other Representatives in Congress could under similar circumstances, to-wit, unanimous consent for taking up and passing a bill providing for the erection of a pub lie building at Paterson, N. J. His predecessor labored for years to secure the passage of such a bill, but died with hope deferred. Mr. Phelps made a strong plea for his bill, which the Senate had already passed. It appropriated \$125,000, but at the suggestion of Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, this sum was cut down to \$80,000. To this reduction Mr. Phelps consented. Soon afterward the House passed a bill for the erection of a public building at Vicksburg, Miss., at a cost of \$100,000. Curiously enough, the economical McMillin did not object then. Vicksburg is a Southern town, however, though it probably has not one-third of the inhabitants which Paterson has.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

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Washington, Thursday, May 24.

BONDS ACCEPTED—The Treasury has accepted bonds aggregating \$88,100, embracing \$1,000 registered 4s at 127, \$100 coupon 4s at 127 and \$85,000 registered 4 1-2s at SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE -The Select Com-

mittee to examine into all questions touching the most product of the United States will consist of Senators Vest, Plumb, Manderson, Cullom and Coke. POSTMASTERS.—The Senate confirmed John Engel to be postmaster at Huckensuck, N. J., and James S. Mel-

A ROGUS THEATRICAL MANAGER ARRESTED Upon a warrant issued by Justice O'Reilly, do tectives yesterday arrested Andrew Leavitt, jr., man ager of the Acme Minstrel Company, upon a charge of swindling. Adrian Hulbert, jr., age twenty-two, farmer of Goshen, N. Y., now at Earle's Hotel, made a complaint at the Jefferson Market Court that Leavitt by means of an advertisement swindled him out of \$100. Hulbert wanted to give up farming and enter one of the professions or procure other light work. He read of a cashier being wanted by a minstrel company, and wrote to No. 200 East One-hundred-and-first-He was advised to call at Turn Hall, No. 66 East Fourth-st., on February 17. Leavitt there told his the position with a salary of \$25 a week was his, but the position with a salary of \$25 a week was his, but asked for \$100 as a pledge of good faith. Hulbert paid the \$100 and went to Tarrytown, where Leavitt was to open the season, but neither manager nor company appeared. Hulbert came hack, but could not find Leavitt at Turn Hall. The case was given to inspector Byrnes, who captured him. Leavitt has been arrested before on similar charges. His father is said to be an actor and a member of Denman Thompson's company.

THRASHED IN HIS OWN TAILOR SHOP August Gross, a travelling agent for Charles Scrib-ner's Sons, ordered a suit of clothes from L. S. Pakas, a tailor, of No. 749 Broadway, about two weeks ago and paid for it in advance with a check, Pakas went to the bank and had the check certified. Mr. Gross did not like that manner of treating his check and called on the tailor at his store and told him so. Bufore he left the place Gross broke an ebony cane over the tailor's head, inflicting three scale wounds, splitting open his lip and blacking both eyes. The tailor says the assault was unprovoked. and he had Mr. Gross arrested and arraigned in the sault Pakas until Pakas shooll his fist in Gross's face and had hold of him by the coat collar. He says he refrained from attacking the tailor until assaulted himself, because he knew he could thrash Pakas and did so as thoroughly as he knew how when he was forced to do it. Gross was held in \$500 ball by Justice Gorman for trial. Harlem Court yesterday. Gross says he did not as

SWINDLING IN PRIESTLY GARB.

A man wearing the garb of a Roman Catholic priest went into the jewelry store of James H. Hart, at Pulton and Johnson sts., Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon and asked to have a diamond cross, worth about \$200, sent to the convent of the Sisters of Charity at Clinton and Congress sts. Mr. Hart sent a trusted clerk with a cross valued at \$215 to the place, and the messenger found the sup-posed priest awaiting him in the parter. He asked to be allowed to carry the cross upstairs to the Sister who wanted it, and said he would return with the money. But went only half way up the stairs, and suddenly turned and ran down and out of the front door and disappeared with the cross. No one at the convent knew who he was and he had called there to inquire about hiring a domestic

BLISSERT ANXIOUS TO FIGHT.

C. P. PALMER IGNORES HIS CHALLENGE. THE TAILOR HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO USE

HIS FISTS OR NOT.

estate, which is managed jointly by Courtlandt Palmer

and his brother Charles P. Blissert has occupied th

shop for many years, but in all that time has only

signed one lease. It is contrary to his principles as

an agitator, bowever he may regard it as a tailor

to fetter himself by signing a contract with a capital-

st. On Tuesday, the story goes, Mr. Palmer urged

him to sign a lease. Blissert objected. Mr. Palme

became insistent. Blissert was obdurate. Mr. Pal-

mer waxed emphatic. Blissort turned on a flood

of oratory which was checked by a forcible intimation

came back next day. The discussion was resumed.

offer of an order of a suit of clothes. It was adding

insult to injury. He scorned the bribe. He did

more; he declared that nothing could ever induce him

to make a suit of clothes for Mr. Palmer and he called Mr. Palmer an "English dude." But that afforded

scant relief to his feelings, especially as Mr. Palmer

rowing that he would have satisfaction, " such satis-

made no response. The tailor rushed out of the office

faction as is due a gentleman and a man of honor."

ert added a postscript intimating that his desire for

answer "by 12 o'clock, noon, Thursday." After writing the note, rumer has it that Blissert consulted

Captain Augustine E. Costello, who is a book-publisher

at No. 2 West Fourteenth-st., and Colonet Talmadge, of Flushing. Both of them, it was supposed, were

fighters from wayback." Next to taking a hand in

Robert Blissert, or "Fighting Bob," as his friends

have dubbed him since he issued the challenge, was

born in England. He consoles himself for that with

the reflection that it wasn't his fault, and he blesses

his mother because she had the good taste to be born

in Ireland. Nevertheless, he enlisted in the Britisi

army and went through the Indian mutiny. There

fore he is no stranger to "war's alarms." Mr. Pal-mer is a crack shot with the pistol, and would be able

to make things exceedingly interesting for any antago-

disappointment with singular equanimity.

" Ain't you afraid of the penal code?"

nor, I'll go for him with my fists."

without relinquishing his hold on his shears,

will do whatever is becoming in a man of honor."

"Why don't you tackle him with your fists?"

"Oh," replied the tailor, for the first time showing

"But you'd only get fined for that and you might

some appreciation of the law, "I might get arrested

get hanged for killing him in a duel."
"Well, if I can't fight him in any other way, and

my seconds tell me that it is consistent with my

If Blissert should adopt this method of obtaining

alm for his wounded feelings he would not have far

To the question, "What are you going to do about 11?" Capitain Costello replied:
"We won't unmask our battery yet, but I can assure you that we will find means to make Mr. Palmer apologize or fight."

"But if he persists in doing neither?"

"What's to prevent Mr. Blissert from hitting him in the jaw?"

The reporter admitted that that might bring on a fight.

fight.

Captain Costello said that he was fully acquainted with the law on the subject, but "when honor steps in, discretion must retire."

Mr. Paimer said that he simply intended to treat the challenge "with contempt."

Last evening Captain Costello sent a note to The Tribune, in which he said, "I am not a second in any pending or impending duel. I am a man of peace."

Assistant District-Attorney Bedford said yesterday

onment for from two to ten years, and a person who sends a written or verbal message purporting or intending to be a challenge to fight a duel, or who accepts a challenge, or earries or delivers it, or is present as second, ald or surgeon at a duel, or who

gives any assistance in carrying out a duel, is punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten years."

THE CONTRACTOR PUT ON PAROLE.

EXPERTS THINK NO BLAME ATTACHES TO MR

SOUTHARD FOR THE JOHN-ST. ACCIDENT.

the building at Broadway and John-st., where the fatal

accident occurred on Wednesday, appeared before

Coroner Nugent yesterday morning and after making a statement as to what he regarded as the causes of

the accident was put on parole in the custody of his

counsel, Horace Secor, jr.

The cause of the accident, as given to the coroner

by Mr. Fouthard and as explained in detail to a Tribune

reporter by a representative of the firm, F. C. Candee,

was the defective construction of the fourth floor of

the building. . It was found on examination yesterday

the building a few feet from the back wall. On the lower outside edges of these beams strips of plank an

inch and a half thick had been nailed, and the narrow

ledge thus formed was the only support, at that end,

of the beams that reached to the John-st. wall. The

ends of the beams were not long enough to occupy

even this scanty support, and only about an inch of

each actually rested on the edge of the plank. Ten

men, it was said, standing in the middle of such a

floor, would be in danger of breaking it, and the only

Candee added to his explanation that it would be imossible to detect such a condition of things without

taking up a whole floor and making all the work of

the men exceedingly dangerous, and that if he had

another building to take down to-morrow he did not

know what precautions could be taken that were not

taken in this case. He did not know of a more com-

petent or reliable man in the business than Mr. Ma-

honey, the foreman who was killed, and he did not think he was at all to blame for the accident.

Several experienced builders made examinations yesterday and agreed with the explanation given

above. Coroner Nugent also made an inspection. He

said to a reporter that so far as he could see at this

stage Mr. Southard was in no way responsible for the

THE PERFECTION OF COMFORT IN TRAVEL.

sylvania Railroad, equipped with the famous Pull-

man vestibule, sleeping, dining and smoking cars,

an exceedingly high grade train on an eminently

high grade road. The speed of the train is also high

grade, as it covers the distance between New-York,

Chicago and Cincinnati in the shortest possible time consistent with good management. It leaves New-York at 9 a. m. every day and arrives in Cincinnati 7:10 and Chicago 9 a. m. the next day.

The New-York and Chicago limited of the Penn-

wonder was that it had not gone down before.

orning that there had been two heavy beams across

C. H. Southard, the contractor for the removal of

nist with that weapon.

a fight themselves, nothing afforded them so much

attend to negotiations for Blissert with pleasure.

satisfaction" was so intense that he would require an

When he returned to his shop he

Blissert said that times were bad.

Mr. Palmer an "English dude."

an order for a suit of clothes."

Palmer that Blissert was a fool. Blissert

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

CLARENDON-Rear-Admiral Augustus L. Case, U. S. Navy. EVERETT-Commodors Cleare Price, U. S. Navy. FIFTH AVENUE-Senator John C. Spooner, of Wisconsin; Congressmen David B. Henderson and J. S. Clarkson, of Iowa; Rodney W. Daniels, of Infinio, and General Anson G. McCook. HOFFMAN-State Controller Edward Wemple, of Albany, and ex-Senator D. H. McMilian, of Hoffalo. ST. JAMES-Commodore David B. Harmony, U. S. Navy. WINDSOR-Senator Leland Stanford, of California, and the Earl of Craven, of England. Robert Blissert, tailor (trousers a specialty) and agitator (denunciation of "bloated bondholders" a specialty), has challenged to mortal combat Charles P. Palmer, man of leisure, clubman and capitalist. All New-York knows of it and all New-York is laughing at it with the exception of Robert Blissert. Blissert rents his shop, No. 852 Broadway, from the Palmer

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY. Trial of Thomas B. Kerr for bribery, Court of Oyer and

Terminar.

Board of Electrical Control, No. 1,218 Broadway, noon.

Civil Service Investigating Committee, Federal Building, 9 a. El.

Methodist General Conference, Metropolitan Opera

Cedarhurst Steeplechase races, Cedarhurst, 2 p. m. Hearing in ex-Alderman Jachne's case before Judgo New-York-Washington baseball match, Polo Grounds

4 p. m.

Annual reception of Male Art Department of Cooper
Union, S p. m.

Reception of Sir Thomas Henry Grattan Esmonde,

Reception of Sir Thomas Henry Gratian Esmonde, Academy of Music, evening. Lecture by Dr. Lawrence, Spencer Hall, 8 p. m. Plymouth Church slection, Brooklyn, evening. Rutgers Female College Alumnae, No. 55 West Fifty-"I'm sorry for that," said Mr. Palmer; "I'll give you fifth-st., 2 p. m. Society of German Patriots' anniversary, Washington Blissert thought he detected a covert sneer in this

Society of German Patrices and Control of Park, 2 p. m. New-York Juvenile Asylum recoption, One-hundred-and-seventy-sixth-st and Tenth-ave., afternoon. Colored Orphan Asylum anniversary, One-hundred-and-forty-third-st, and Tenth-ave., afternoon.

Manhattan Liberal Club, No. 220 East Fifteenth-st.

8 p. m. Washington Heights improvement meeting, Athenaeum,

Trotting races at Ficetwood Park, 2 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The California Fruit Union has begun direct shipnote to Mr. Palmer, demanding an apology or ments to this city. The first apricots from San Jose "satisfaction," by which, of course, was meant an opportunity to shed some of Mr. Paimer's blood. Blis-California, appeared yesterday, and steady consign ments may now be expected. The opening price is \$5 per box of ten pounds.

Denby Moore.-Richard Butler, secretary of the American Committee on the Bartholdi Statue, No. 33 Mercer-st., can probably furnish you with a copy of the history of the Statue of Liberty.

The funeral of Dr. Allan Macy Butler took place yesterday morning at the home of his uncle, Dr. D. M. Stinson, No. 11 West Seventeenth-st. The Rev. Dr. Vincent officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Crocker, of Fitchburg, Mass. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends. Among those present were some of Dr. Butler's classmates and assoclates at Harvard and also some of his classmates from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The burial was at Woodlawn.

There has been such a demand for extra tickets to the Damrosch Saturday Morning Lectures that Frank D. Beattys, manager of the course, has announced that the four remaining lectures will take place in Association Hall. The Wesleyan graduates here are making great

Noon came yesterday, but Blissert had received no response to his challenge. Mr. Palmer had treated it with "silent contempt." Blissert seemed to bear the preparations to give the University Glee Club a rousing reception when it sings to-night in the Metropolitan Opera House. The club is in time condition and a good "Supposing you get no response to your challenge, and it is evident you will not, what action will you concert is expected. The Quarterly Theological Conference of the Catho

take?" he was asked.
"I'm in the hands of my seconds," he replied. lie clergy representing that portion of the archdiocese of New-York above Fourteenth-st. on the West Side to Westchester County, which has been in session since the beginning of this week, closed vesterday at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the final session was "I'm prepared to make any sacrifice to save my held in presence of 120 priests. The Sigma Phi Club, the oldest college secret

society in this country, has removed to No. 9 East Twenty-seventh-st. The new club-house is commodious and convenient. It is handsomely furnished from top to bottom. On Tuesday night the society will give a house warming. Delmonico will provide the supper.

The Rev. Thomas H. Burch, one of the delegates to the Methodist General Conference, has just received a call from Trinity Methodist Church in One hundred-and-eighteenth-st., for a third term. Dr. Burch is now serving the third year of his second term at the Greenpoint Tabernacle. The 22d Regiment will meet at the armory in West

Fourteenth-st. on Sunday afternoon and march to Trinity Chapel in Twenty-fifth-st., where their chapmin, the Rev. Dr. William N. Dunnell, rector of All Saints' Church, will deliver his annual sermon to the regiment. The City Reform Club, composed of twenty mem-

bers, finds itself in need of contributions of money in order to carry on its work of exposing the weaknesses of legislators and of frauds in elections. Over 10,000 articles found on the elevated roads

during the last twelve months were sold at auction yesterday by J. W. Campbell, at No. 49 Eighth-ave. Fair prices were obtained.

Mayor Hewitt yesterday sent a letter to Governor Hill against the bill which permits railroad companies in cities of 800,000 inhabitants to sand the tracks of street ratiroads. He says that if this bill should become a law it would simply be impossible to clean the streets in this city. As the law now stands, permits to sand the tracks can be obtained on application to the Board of Health. The condition is that the companies shall keep clean the places desired to be sanded, usually the steep grades. This bill would allow them to use unlimited quantities of sand at their own discretion and uncontrolled by the public authorities.

Last night at a special meeting of the Democratic Hancock Club of the XIXth Assembly District the example set by other Democratic organizations was followed in the passing of a resolution condemning the Saxton bill, which provides for ballot reforms. The platform adopted at the Democratic State Convention was indorsed.

The Holiand Society voted at its last meeting on Thursday to sail for Holland on July 28, having chartered the entire first cabin on the steamer Amsterdam for that purpose. Robert B. Roosevelt, Minister to The Hague, sails en the same steamer. Hooper C. Van Vorst was re-elected president of the society at the meeting.

Pinto peaches from Florida are in good supply. Within the last four years they have been cultivated from a wild growth into a desirable table fruit,

Charles W. Dayton will present two silk flags this morning to Grammar School No. 57.

The annual reception of the Five Points Mission Day School was held yesterday, 500 of the children being present. Everything connected with the ex-ercises was patriotic, even the programme, which had a red, white and blue border.

The annual May greeting to parents and friends of Primary School No. 16 in East Thirty-second-st. was held yesterday at the school building.

A party of eleven ex-convicts who came to this country, chiefly from Italy, were yesterday sent back by order of Collector Magone, on the Anchor Line steamer Alexandria.

Thomas Martin is organizing an anti-free-trade club of Irishmen in the Xth Assembly District.

At a meeting of the survivors of the Irish Brigade held yesterday in the 69th Regiment Armory, Coroner Nugent presiding, it was stated that all arrangements stage Mr. Southard was in no way responsible for the accident, but he would not hold an inquest immediately as there might possibly be another side that would bave a right to be heard. He set down the inquest for Friday of next week at one o'clock. A thorough examination of the rest of the building was made yesterday morning to see if there were any more such defective floorings. None was found and the work of tearing down went on as usual.

The injured men are all getting on well. Lynch is the only one who is now at the Chambers Street Hospital and he will soon be sent to Bellevue Hospital. Sullivan has gone to Bellevue and the others have been sent home. were completed for the unveiling of the monument at Get sburg on July 2. The 60th men will be accompanied by delegations from the 52d and 61st New-York Volunteers and the Corcoran Legion.

BROOKLYN.

The fifth anniversary of the opening of the Bridge was marked yesterday by flags which were displayed on the towers. The total receipts for the period have been \$3,323,767 47, and the number of passen-

have been \$3,323,767 47, and the number of passengers carried 93,374,343.

In the suit of Edward Kelly to recover \$25,000 as damages from the Long Island Railroad Company for injuries received in a collision on December 27, 1887, a verdict for \$10,375 was returned in the Supreme Court yesterday.

AN EXPRESS TEAM LOST OFF A TERRYBOAT. As the ferry-boat Garden City was nearing the slip at Long Island City yesterday morning from James at Long Island City horses attached to wagon No. slip, a team of gray horses attached to wagon No. 50 of the Long Island Express Company took fright

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*I have been sick for several years, being troubled which dyspepsia and malaria. I had sodical attendance with the definition of the confident with dyspepsia and malaria. I had sodical attendance with the dependence of the charge with dyspepsia and malaria. I had sodical attendance with dyspepsia and malaria. I had sodical

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and ran overboard, dragging the wagon and its load with them. Neither the driver nor his assistant was on the wagon, and the team, which was the finest horse managed to free itself from the harness and swam around until it was saved. The other after violent struggling sank with the wagon in about twenty feet of water. The wagon was heavily laden with valuable express matter. owned by the company, could not be stopped.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

Mayor Chapin yesterday accepted the resignation of City Treasurer Wheelock. It is thought that Deputy City Treasurer Phoenix will succeed Mr. Wheelock, who retires at the end of this month. Warren H. Worrell, of No. 44 Ralph-ave., who was

warren H. Worren, of No. 44 naph-ave., who was taken to the Kings County Hospital suffering from what resembled hydrophobia, died yesterday. The physician attending him said he believed the death was due to cerebral meningitis, and that he had no symptoms of rables or blood poisoning.

In the trial of the charge of criminal libel preferred by Police Justice Massey against James Keese.

In the trial of the charge of criminal hoet pre-ferred by Police Justice Massey against James Keyes, formerly captain of a tug employed by the Street Cleaning Department in New-York, Keyes testified yesterday that he was honestly mistaken in making the charges he did affecting the official integrity of Justice Massey, and was acquitted.

In spite of the rain the annual police parade in Brooklyn took place yesterday. About 600 men took part, wearing their new summer belinets.

JERSEY CITY.

The rain yesterday prevented the annual parade of the Sunday-schools, to the great disappointment of the children. Exercises were held indoors in many of the churches.

Eight of the ornamental adjuncts to the Governs ment, styled cattle inspectors and appraisers, were dismissed yesterday for alleged want of funds. The decapitated officials are ex-Sheriff Heintze, Police Commissioner Coyle, of Hoboken, and Mr. Charlton, appraisers; and John C. Carr, Patrick Buckley, James I Clark Gustave Selde and Garrett Haley, inspectors, Nineteen other ornaments are still drawing pay for doing nothing.

Sixty masons and bricklayers employed on the new Central Railroad depot at Communipaw struck for higher wages yesterday and the work is temporarily suspended.

A case of smallpox in Mrs. Welsh's boarding-house, No. 376 Henderson-st., was reported yesterday to Health Inspector Benjamin. The patient was John Edwards, age twenty-five, a 'longshoreman. He was removed to the hospital at Snake Hill and the house distrifected.

St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, a frame building, which has stood at Montgomery and Grove sts. for a great many years, with the site, has been sold by Mrs. Katherine Sangade, the owner. The purchaser is William N. Barron, who will probably demolish the building and replace it with flats.

NEWARK.

Three young children of Heinrich Dauth, of No. 100 South Canal-st., have died of diphtheria within a week. A number of other cases are reported. George Frick, a coal dealer, was convicted in the courts yesterday on a charge of obtaining \$88 75 from

the city by false pretences in furnishing short weight

coal to the almshouse. David W. Geerke, the oldest constable in the county, was fatally injured by falling timbers yesterday while superintending the tearing down of a barn at the rear of No. 66 Bowery-st. John H. Ballantine, William Hill, Gottfried Krueger,

Peter Hauck, Christian Feigenspahn and Adolph Hensler with their families will go to St. Paul, Minn., in a special car on Saturday to attend the Brewers National Convention. William A. Righter has placed his resignation as

member of the Board of Health in the hands of the Mayor. Mrs. Ida Davis, living in Washington-st., tried a second time to end her life yesterday by a dose of laudanum. A doctor saved her.

RAHWAY. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has been greatly annoyed recently by tramps, who had a "roost" near the Scott Avenue Station. On Wednesday night about twenty-five of them were arrested and taken to

the county jail. The Union County Teachers' Association has elected the following officers: President, D. B. Corsen; vicepresident, Miss Buckley; recording secretary, J. P. Town; corresponding secretary, R. Howell Tice ; treasurer, B. Holmes.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Elizabethport Glue Works of Elizabethport, N. J., have stopped buying material, and when the stock on hand is worked up the works will shut down. STATEN-ISLAND.

The coast wrecking steamer I. J. Merritt left Stapleton yesterday to go to the assistance of the Pacific Mail steamship City of Para, reported stranded on Fortune Island while on a voyage from Colon for this port. She has on board a valuable cargo and a large number of saloon passengers, besides the United States mail.

States mail.

The ball of the Clifton Boat Club held last night at St. Mary's Hall in Clifton was the closing social occurrence of the season on Staten Island.

When the Staten Island ferryboat Middletown arrived at St. George on her last telp from the city on Wednesday night, an officer found in the men's tollet-room a blue cheviot coat, a black Derby hat and a white linen hankerchief. The tollet-room window was wide open, and it at once occurred to the officer that the owner of the clothing had entered the tollet-room unnoticed, and after removing part of his clothing jumped out of the window into the bay. The clothing of the supposed suicide is now at the office of the ferry company at Whitchall-st. awaiting identification.

ALONG THE SOUND. The Rye Lawn Tennis Club will have a formal pening of its spacious grounds on Decoration Day.

LONG ISLAND.

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Editor John C. Kennahan, of "The Jamaica Farmer," charged with libel in "The Woodhaven Journal" by George R. Crowly, of the Associated Press, was discharged by Mayor Gleason yesterday, on the ground that it was not proven that he was editor of the last named newspaper.

The body of Elek Csank was incinerated at Fresh Pond yesterday, making the 191st cremation since the foundation of the crematory.

The rain yesterday prevented the opening of the first spring tennis tournament of the Flushing Athletia Club.

NO CRASH IN WALL STREET.

The sensational failure at the Stock Exchange which the numor-mongers predicted for yesterday did not occur. The rearest approach to serious embarraement of which any indication was afforded by the dealings, was the purchase "under the rule" of ten shares of Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis stock for the account of one of the best houses in Wall Street. The order was given by a firm that has been identified for a long time with the bear faction, but there were few persons who pretended that they felt the thrill of a great financial crash. It was not learned that the ten shares carried the control of a great railroad company, or that the proxy on them might be a ques-tion for the courts. The Arbitration Committee of the Stock Exchange did not hold a special meeting to settle the dispute.

NOT ALLOWED TO KEEP A BODY FOR A MONTH The Health Board yesterday denied an application by Undertaker Stephen Merritt for a permit to keep the body of Miss Annie L. Denny in his private vanit until the end of the month. Miss Denny died at the Sturtevant House from pneumonia on May 5. Her father, who is a delegate to the Methodist Conference, wishes to take her body back to his home at Se W. T., for burial. In writing a report on Mr. Merriti's application, Sanitary Superintendent Day declared that the granting of such a request would establish a bad precedent. He thought the body might be placed in some cemetery receiving vault.

St. Louis' Well Known Dentist Dr. Flickinger testifies: "I shall henceforth strongly adva-cate the use of the



being fully convinced that it is the only article in the market which acts in conjunction with flow alik, both as a thorough cleanser and effectious absorber of the acids and accumulations on and around the teeth."

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